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LIBRARY HOURS



During finals study period, from Friday, May 6, through Thursday, May 19, the library will be open from 7:00 A.M. until midnight seven days a week. For the intersession period, from Friday, May 20, through Sunday, June 12, library hours will be 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. every day. The library will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

For details, check the Legal Research Center Web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/hours.php>.

MORE THAN JUST DUST

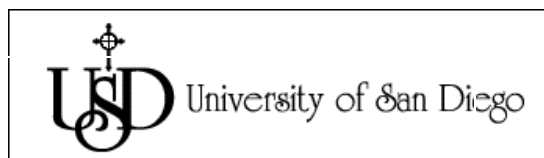


Leaks and extreme temperatures begone! The LRC is getting a new roof and HVAC (heating/ventilation/air conditioning) system at last! Starting on May 23, as soon as finals are over, construction workers, cranes, and heavy equipment will move in to begin removing the old roof and HVAC units. Of course, before things get better, they will get worse, as we undergo demolition and construction, so library patrons may wish to schedule their library visits accordingly.

Between May 23 and June 19, the scheduled date of completion, the parking lot on the east side of the building will be completely unavailable, and parts of the lot just west of the building will also be blocked off. The greatest disruption in terms of noise, dirt, and fumes will probably be during the first week. During the first two or three days, the old roofing materials will be taken down, and the six HVAC units will be carried away by huge cranes. Then the roof will be "hot mopped" with fresh tar. There will be no ventilation during the hot mopping in order to minimize the presence of fumes inside the building.

During the subsequent three weeks, the new roof will be completed; three new HVAC units will replace the six old ones; and new wiring and electronic thermostats will be installed. Because of the rewiring, there may be some temporary disruption in study areas. We will do our best to notify patrons in advance of potential disruptions by posting signs with planned work schedules. These notices will alert patrons to the best locations for quiet

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study or advise them to consider going to Copley Library for a better study atmosphere. The planned completion date of June 19 will still give those studying for the July bar exam and August finals over a month of uninterrupted study time at the LRC.

On the plus side, these renovations will vastly improve the comfort of library patrons and workers. No more sweltering labs or freezing study areas. The electronic system will allow the Facilities department to pinpoint areas that are too warm or too cool and to control the temperature remotely. We are all looking forward to our new climate-controlled environment.

LAW DAY



May 1 is Law Day, an opportunity to "focus on our heritage of liberty under law and how the rule of law makes our democracy possible." The American Bar Association has a special section of its Web site, <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html>, that includes a brief history of Law Day (which was first proclaimed by President Eisenhower in 1958), selected Law Day themes back to 1969, a listing of events throughout the United States, school lesson plans, a quiz, and more. *Submitted by Sushila Selness, Head of Collection Services.*

HONORING VETERANS & MILITARY LAW



This month's observance honoring military veterans prompts us to focus on works in the LRC collection about military jurisprudence. In 2003, the third edition of *MILITARY LAW IN A NUTSHELL* was issued as CHARLES A. SHANOR & L. LYNN HOGUE, *NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY LAW IN A NUTSHELL/Reserve* KF7210 .S52 2003. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, a new chapter on "National Security Law" was added. WEST'S *MILITARY JUSTICE REPORTER/KF7625 .A52* covers opinions and decisions from 1978 to date issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, which reviews courts-martial proceedings in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice. WEST'S *MILITARY JUSTICE DIGEST/KF7625 .A53 W47* provides full coverage of all military cases decided in the federal courts from 1975 to the present.

The LRC subscribes to the digital Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC), which includes a U.S. Military Law library. The collection covers laws and regulations, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, treatises, manuals, and more. From the LRC Web page, <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/>, click on [Catalogs and Databases](#), then on [Subscription Databases](#), and scroll down to [LLMC Digital Database](#). This link will bring you to a search screen that includes the Military Law library. Another online source is the Annual Report site of the Code Committee of Military Justice at <http://www.armfor.uscourts.gov/Annual.htm>. For some thoughts on "moral confusion in the armed forces," check out JAMES H. TONER, *MORALS UNDER THE GUN: THE CARDINAL VIRTUES, MILITARY ETHICS, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY/U22 .T6497 2000*.

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